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Patent No.: 6,899,105

Docket No.: 13033.0011US01

Issue Date: MAY 31, 2005

Patentee: KRUEGER ET AL.

Title: AIRWAY IMPLANT CARTRIDGE AND KIT

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN EXPIRED PATENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c))**

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This petition is being filed within twenty-four (24) months after the six month grace period provided in § 1.362(e), as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c).

The delay in paying the maintenance fee for this patent was unintentional.

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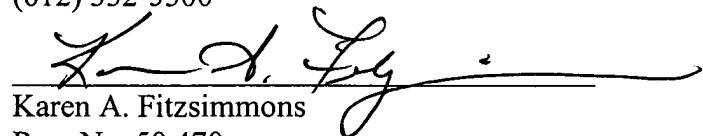
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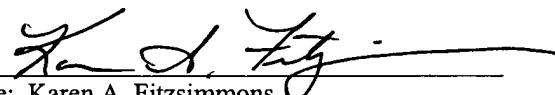
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